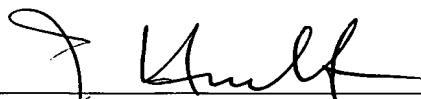


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon review of the office action dated February 10, 2004 and after a discussion held with the Examiner, Applicants hereby request the response due date of March 10, 2004 (one month) to be reset to May 10, 2003 (three month) in that the Examiner has indicated that this was an error on his part. It is respectfully submitted that Applicants are entitled to have a three month period for a response to the office action of February 10, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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